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THIS IS A STAGED AIRCRAFT DISASTER EXERCISE AND NOT A REAL EMERGENCY. WE WOULD LIKE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN INFORMING THE PUBLIC THIS IS AN EXERCISE NOT A REAL EMERGENCY. WE ENCOURAGE THE MEDIA TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE.

AIRPORT TO STAGE AIRCRAFT DISASTER & MASS CASUALTY EXERCISE

Hundreds help airport and other departments prepare for massive aircraft incident

OCTOBER 26, 2011—San Antonio, TX— San Antonio International Airport will conduct its Triennial Airport Emergency Exercise in a collaborative effort with the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC), San Antonio Fire Department, San Antonio Police Department and the Office of Emergency Management. The exercise is scheduled to last about two hours with a start time of 10:00 AM and will utilize Aviation Department employees as well as several city, county and state mutual aid agencies.

Approximately 600 professionals will offer their expertise toward this unique event to support the mutual goal of ensuring emergency preparedness for the San Antonio International Airport and the surrounding community. Over 20 local hospitals will treat nearly 200 "injured" volunteers. *The exercise will involve a major aircraft incident and will have fire and smoke present on the airfield of San Antonio International Airport.*

The Triennial Airport Emergency Exercise is required every three years by the FAA for all U.S. airports that have commercial air carrier service. The purpose is to educate, train and prepare the first responders and the community for major aviation disasters as well as evaluate the Airport Emergency Plan. Evaluators of this exercise include staff from SAT, as well as other airports outside San Antonio.

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